

Final Hays CISD Administrative Zoning Recommendation

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Note: This recommendation is scheduled for potential adoption by the Hays CISD Board of Trustees on December 16, 2024, to take effect for the 2024 – 2025 school year. For an attendance zone map to be implemented, it must be adopted by the Board. Follow the map development process and share your thoughts at www.hayscisid.net/zone2024.

Recommendation: Proposed Map 7:

This map creates an attendance zone for Ramage Elementary, which is the goal of the fall 2024 rezoning process, by using the district’s latest demographic projections and by reconfiguring the elementary school zones surrounding the new campus. Additionally, the recommendation makes a minor middle school adjustment to align a moved group of elementary school students with their new peer group.

The Ramage Elementary Zone is Created by:

- Moving some students from Hemphill Elementary to Ramage Elementary (planning units 69,70,71,72)
- Moving some students from Fuentes Elementary to Ramage Elementary (planning units 79 and 87)
- Moving some students from Uhland Elementary to Ramage Elementary (planning units 66 and 140)
- Moving some students from Uhland Elementary to Science Hall Elementary (planning units 98 and 139)
- Moving some students from Uhland Elementary to Fuentes Elementary (planning unit 89)
- Moving some students from Camino Real Elementary to Uhland Elementary (planning units 63 and 64)

The Minor Middle School Realignment for the Ramage Elementary Zone affects:

- Students currently attending Simon Middle School in planning units 98 and 139 would be moved to Chapa Middle School to attend middle school with their new Science Hall Elementary classmates.

Additional Caveats for Map Recommendation

This recommendation includes the following provisions:

- To allow affected students (and siblings so that families can have all students attend the same campus) entering 5th grade in 2025-2026 to remain at their current campuses should they choose to do so. However, transportation for these zone-affected transfers for 2025-2026, 5th graders will not be available.
- To allow affected students (and siblings so that families can have all students attend the same campus) entering 7th or 8th grade in 2025-2026 to remain at their current campuses through middle school should they choose to do so. However, transportation for these zone-affected transfers for 2025-2026, 7th and 8th graders will not be available.

Additional Information and Recommendations (Not Part of Rezoning):

The following proposed actions are primarily administrative in nature and are not part of the Board vote regarding the fall 2024 attendance zone recommendation. Some components of the following actions, such as expending funds to move portable classrooms, may require separate Board action at future meetings.

Challenges in balancing student populations in a fast-growth school district such as Hays CISD are ever present. The Draft Map Option 7 does not address concerns presented in public comment during the zoning process regarding middle school overcrowding and projected high growth at select elementary schools not in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Ramage Elementary School zone. However, the district believes that alternate solutions outside of the attendance zone process, at this time, could alleviate this problem.

Addressing Projected Overcrowding at McCormick Middle School

Adjustments to middle school maps were not the target of the fall 2024 attendance rezoning process, which was primarily intended to create a zone for the new Ramage Elementary School. Additionally, the district anticipates a major review of middle and high school maps in two to three years should a needed fourth comprehensive high school be constructed. Significantly changing middle school maps now could cause students and families to be rezoned twice in a brief period of time, which is something the district does not wish to do.

However, in listening to concerns presented by parents and staff during the rezoning process, it is clear that an immediate solution to the rapid growth at McCormick Middle School must be addressed. For the 2025 – 2026, school year, McCormick is projected to be at 106% capacity with 1,314 students (compared with Dahlstrom at 61% capacity with 764 students). By 2027, McCormick could reach 125% capacity with 1,546 students, while Dahlstrom remains at 62% capacity with 765 students. A full 10-year middle school population projection chart is included at the end of this report. Accordingly, the district recommends:

- Considering adding temporary, portable classrooms at McCormick Middle School, with plumbing and security measures in place.
- Moving any specialized districtwide programs that can be housed at other campuses to free classroom space.
- Piloting the Hays Choice Program to allow voluntary transfers out of the campus for students wishing to attend Dahlstrom Middle School.

Hays Choice Program

The Hays Choice Program will be managed by the district's Office of Students Transfers. Though the district had explored potentially giving McCormick students options as to which middle schools they would like to attend in this program, Board policy currently prohibits any student transfers to middle schools outside of a student's home high school feeder pattern. In the case of McCormick, the feeder pattern is Johnson High School and the only alternate middle school is Dahlstrom.

- To qualify for the Hays Choice Program, students must meet current transfer eligibility requirements in terms of attendance and disciplinary records.
- Parents must apply for the Hays Choice Program during the district's normal transfer window, which is any business day in January 2025.
- Once all Hays Choice Program requests have been received and reviewed, the district will determine if there is enough student interest in areas that make sense to run school buses for Hays Choice Program students. The district will make every effort to provide transportation for Hays Choice Program students.
- Parents who have applied for the Hays Choice Program will be notified by the end of February 2025, if their transfer request from McCormick Middle School to Dahlstrom Middle School has been approved and whether it includes transportation.
- Parents will have until the end of March 2025 to either accept admission into the Hays Choice Program, or decline it for any reason. Once accepted, a Hays Choice Program transfer is a permanent change of home middle school campuses so that seats freed at McCormick can go to new students moving into the area.
- The Hays Choice Program will remain open to Hays Choice Program student siblings in years subsequent to 2025 – 2026, but will be reviewed annually regarding a need to have it open to all McCormick students. For 2024 – 2025, the number of students admitted to the Hays Choice Program

will be capped at about 150 students. A survey conducted in November 2024, indicated that about 90 students were interested in the program. This may or may not actually result in as many applications, admissions, or accepted admissions to the program.

Addressing Science Hall Elementary School

Draft Map 7 creates a healthy student population from residents who live in the map zone at Science Hall Elementary; however, considering current incoming bilingual transfers (predominantly from Pfluger Elementary School), the campus would be over-populated using this map. It is therefore the recommendation, as a companion to the mapping process, to move bilingual Pfluger Elementary students currently attending Science Hall Elementary (about 119 students) to the bilingual program at Tom Green Elementary. Some specialized special education programming at Science Hall could also be relocated, if necessary.

Addressing Sunfield Elementary School

Draft Map 7 makes no changes to the Sunfield Elementary School zone, though the school is growing rapidly. In May, voters will have the option to decide whether the district would build a new elementary school that could alleviate population growth at Sunfield Elementary School. Rather than rezone now and possibly again in the near future, the recommendation regarding Sunfield Elementary will be to wait for the results of the 2025 bond election to see what will be necessary regarding this campus.

Additional Alternate Options to Address Elementary School Overcrowding in General

To alleviate overcrowding at other elementary schools, the following options are available outside of the current rezoning process:

- Moving certain districtwide special programs that are currently housed at crowded elementary schools to schools with more room. (Curriculum and Instruction Division)
- Pre-zoning yet-to-be-constructed subdivisions, or new phases of subdivisions, where no students currently live to schools with more room.
- Using portable classrooms at schools until new facilities can be placed on a future bond for voter consideration. (Operations Division)
- Building more schools, which will be needed to keep pace with the projected, rapid growth in Hays CISD. This option would require voter approval through school building bonds. (Operations Division, Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee)

Attachments to Recommendation:

- Draft Map Option 7 (Elementary)
- Data Table for Draft Map Option 7 (Elementary)
- Middle School Alignment for Draft Map Option 7 (Map)
- Middle School Alignment for Draft Map Option 7 (Data Table)

Additional Resources:

Complete Fall 2024 zoning process information: www.hayscisid.net/zone2024

Projected Elementary Students

Future Elementary Catchment Areas - Step 7
Hays CISD

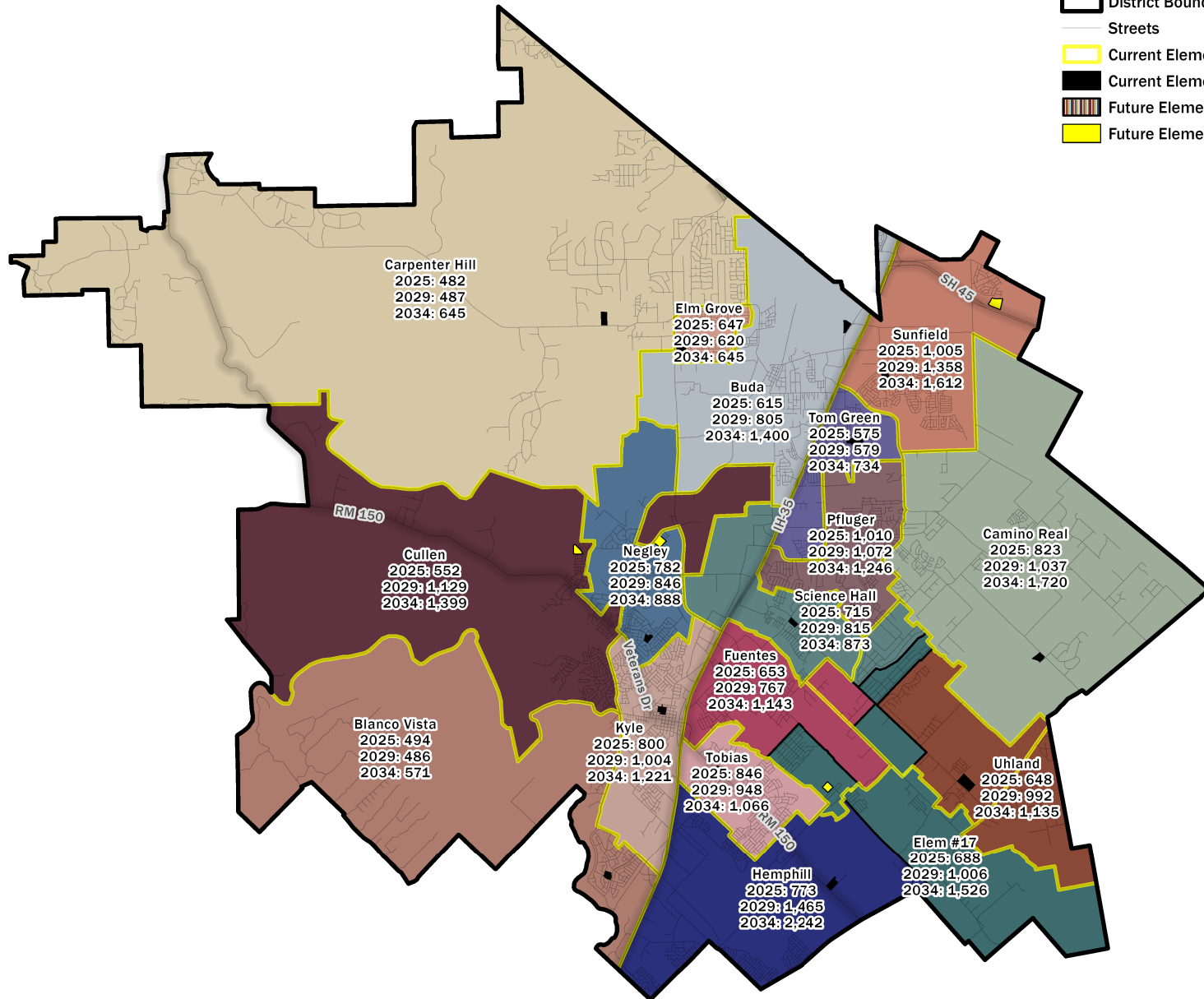


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Map Layers

- District Boundary
- Streets
- Current Elementary Attendance Zones
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Hays CISD
Projected Student Population
Elementary Option 7

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Projected Enrollment	592	764	945	1,126	1,284	1,434	1,584	1,737	1,906	2,061
Percent Utilization	82%	106%	105%	125%	143%	159%	176%	193%	212%	229%
Capacity	720	720	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Kyle										
Projected Residents	800	859	912	956	1,004	1,057	1,104	1,151	1,191	1,221
Percent Utilization (Residents)	104%	112%	101%	106%	112%	117%	123%	128%	132%	136%
Transfers In/Out	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155	-155
Projected Enrollment	645	704	757	801	849	902	949	996	1,036	1,066
Percent Utilization	84%	91%	84%	89%	94%	100%	105%	111%	115%	118%
Capacity	770	770	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Negley										
Projected Residents	782	773	797	826	846	855	865	882	887	888
Percent Utilization (Residents)	81%	80%	82%	85%	87%	88%	89%	91%	92%	92%
Transfers In/Out	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62
Projected Enrollment	844	835	859	888	908	917	927	944	949	950
Percent Utilization	87%	86%	89%	92%	94%	95%	96%	98%	98%	98%
Capacity	967	967	967	967	967	967	967	967	967	967
Pflugger										
Projected Residents	1,010	1,031	1,055	1,071	1,072	1,105	1,138	1,178	1,212	1,246
Percent Utilization (Residents)	126%	129%	132%	134%	119%	123%	126%	131%	135%	138%
Transfers In/Out	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191	-191
Projected Enrollment	819	840	864	880	881	914	947	987	1,021	1,055
Percent Utilization	102%	105%	108%	110%	98%	102%	105%	110%	113%	117%
Capacity	800	800	800	800	900	900	900	900	900	900
Science Hall										
Projected Residents	715	760	790	806	815	823	837	856	866	873
Percent Utilization (Residents)	99%	106%	88%	90%	91%	91%	93%	95%	96%	97%
Transfers In/Out	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199
Projected Enrollment	914	959	989	1,005	1,014	1,022	1,036	1,055	1,065	1,072
Percent Utilization	127%	133%	110%	112%	113%	114%	115%	117%	118%	119%
Capacity	720	720	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Sunfield										
Projected Residents	1,005	1,128	1,221	1,286	1,358	1,426	1,475	1,526	1,571	1,612
Percent Utilization (Residents)	112%	125%	136%	143%	151%	158%	164%	170%	175%	179%
Transfers In/Out	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Projected PK Enrollment	1,028	1,151	1,244	1,309	1,381	1,449	1,498	1,549	1,594	1,635
Percent Utilization	114%	128%	138%	145%	153%	161%	166%	172%	177%	182%
Capacity	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Tobias										
Projected Residents	846	844	860	923	948	980	1,013	1,044	1,059	1,066
Percent Utilization (Residents)	118%	117%	96%	103%	105%	109%	113%	116%	118%	118%
Transfers In/Out	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113	-113
Projected Enrollment	733	731	747	810	835	867	900	931	946	953
Percent Utilization	102%	102%	83%	90%	93%	96%	100%	103%	105%	106%
Capacity	720	720	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Tom Green										
Projected Residents	575	559	562	567	579	611	641	677	708	734
Percent Utilization (Residents)	81%	78%	62%	63%	64%	68%	71%	75%	79%	82%
Transfers In/Out	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Projected Enrollment	612	596	599	604	616	648	678	714	745	771
Percent Utilization	86%	83%	67%	67%	68%	72%	75%	79%	83%	86%
Capacity	714	714	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Uhland										

Hays CISD
Projected Student Population
Elementary Option 7

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Elem #17										
Projected Residents	688	738	811	908	1,006	1,124	1,237	1,351	1,445	1,526
Percent Utilization (Residents)	76%	82%	90%	101%	112%	125%	137%	150%	161%	170%
Transfers In/Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projected PK Enrollment	688	738	811	908	1,006	1,124	1,237	1,351	1,445	1,526
Percent Utilization	76%	82%	90%	101%	112%	125%	137%	150%	161%	170%
Capacity	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
Totals										
Students Projected	12,108	12,815	13,639	14,606	15,416	16,377	17,314	18,309	19,243	20,066
Capacity	13,293	13,293	14,249	14,249	14,549	14,549	14,549	14,549	14,549	14,549
Percent Utilization	91%	96%	96%	103%	106%	113%	119%	126%	132%	138%

* Transfer patterns in 2023-24 are assumed to remain equivalent in future years.

Projected student population exceeds 100% of capacity

Change in Capacity due to Construction

Projected student population exceeds 120% of capacity

Projected Middle School Students

Future Middle School Catchment Areas - Middle School Realignment for Elem Options 6 & 7
Hays CISD

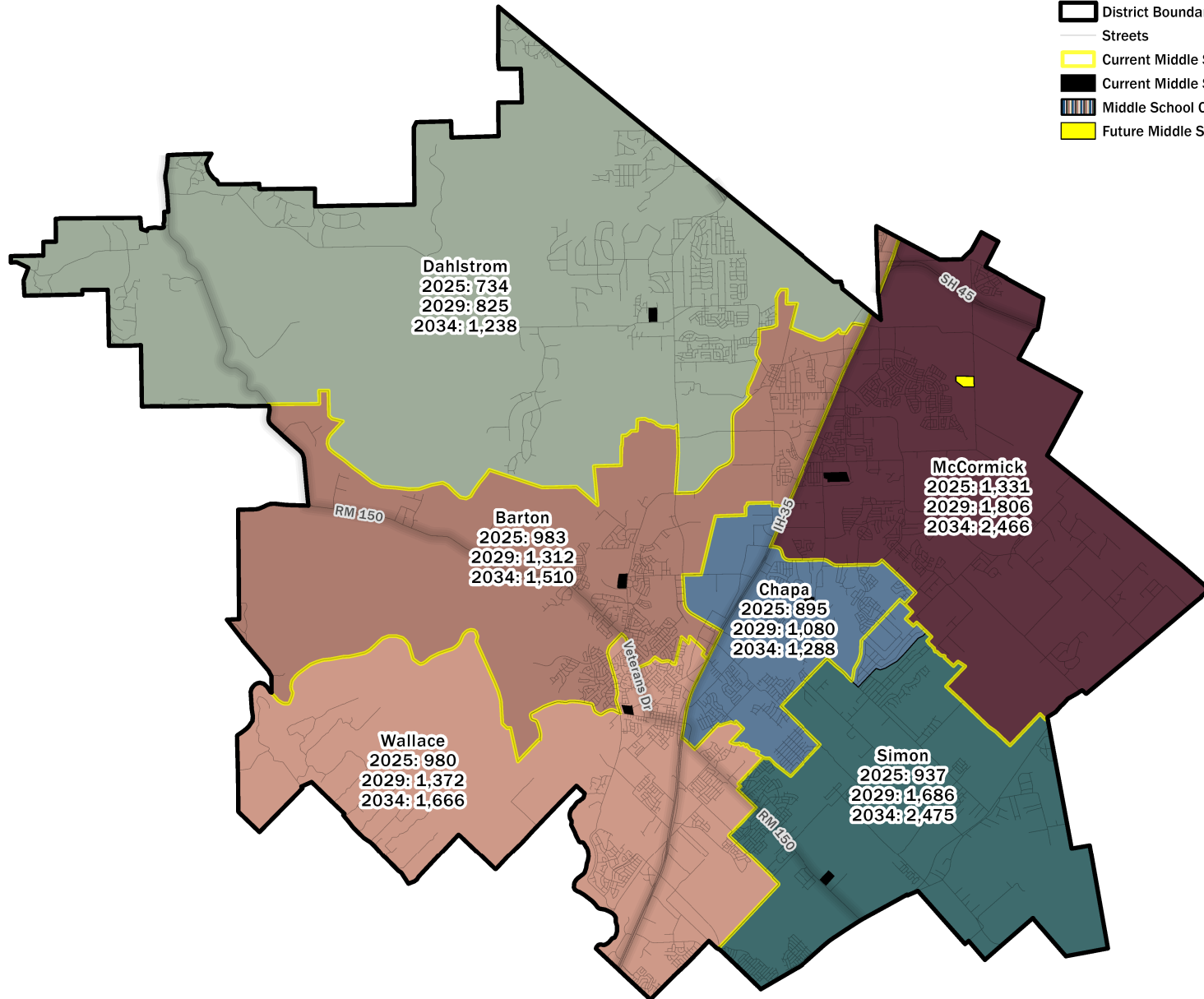


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Hays CISD
Projected Student Population
2024-25 Middle School Attendance Zones with Alignment to Elem Opt 6&7

	Current	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Barton											
Projected Residents	855	983	1,067	1,176	1,250	1,312	1,359	1,398	1,402	1,445	1,510
Percent Utilization (Residents)	73%	84%	91%	101%	107%	112%	116%	120%	120%	124%	129%
Transfers In/Out	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Projected Enrollment	899	1,027	1,111	1,220	1,294	1,356	1,403	1,442	1,446	1,489	1,554
Percent Utilization	77%	88%	95%	105%	111%	116%	120%	124%	124%	128%	133%
Capacity	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167
Chapa											
Projected Residents	733	895	1,019	1,026	1,045	1,080	1,111	1,151	1,157	1,212	1,288
Percent Utilization (Residents)	69%	85%	96%	97%	99%	102%	105%	109%	109%	115%	122%
Transfers In/Out	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13
Projected Enrollment	720	882	1,006	1,013	1,032	1,067	1,098	1,138	1,144	1,199	1,275
Percent Utilization	68%	83%	95%	96%	98%	101%	104%	108%	108%	113%	121%
Capacity	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,057
Dahlstrom											
Projected Residents	764	734	731	735	774	825	903	1,002	1,057	1,139	1,238
Percent Utilization (Residents)	61%	59%	59%	59%	62%	66%	73%	81%	85%	92%	100%
Transfers In/Out	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Projected Enrollment	794	764	761	765	804	855	933	1,032	1,087	1,169	1,268
Percent Utilization	64%	61%	61%	62%	65%	69%	75%	83%	87%	94%	102%
Capacity	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243
McCormick											
Projected Residents	1,222	1,331	1,462	1,563	1,666	1,806	1,934	2,076	2,148	2,291	2,466
Percent Utilization (Residents)	99%	108%	118%	126%	135%	146%	156%	168%	174%	185%	200%
Transfers In/Out	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17	-17
Projected Enrollment	1,205	1,314	1,445	1,546	1,649	1,789	1,917	2,059	2,131	2,274	2,449
Percent Utilization	97%	106%	117%	125%	133%	145%	155%	167%	172%	184%	198%
Capacity	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236	1,236
Simon											
Projected Residents	920	937	1,116	1,337	1,485	1,686	1,840	2,013	2,127	2,288	2,475
Percent Utilization (Residents)	86%	87%	104%	124%	138%	157%	171%	187%	198%	213%	230%
Transfers In/Out	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18
Projected Enrollment	902	919	1,098	1,319	1,467	1,668	1,822	1,995	2,109	2,270	2,457
Percent Utilization	84%	86%	102%	123%	137%	155%	170%	186%	196%	211%	229%
Capacity	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074
Wallace											
Projected Residents	862	980	1,104	1,201	1,274	1,372	1,447	1,522	1,537	1,596	1,666
Percent Utilization (Residents)	83%	94%	106%	115%	122%	132%	139%	146%	148%	153%	160%
Transfers In/Out	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39	-39
Projected Enrollment	823	941	1,065	1,162	1,235	1,333	1,408	1,483	1,498	1,557	1,627
Percent Utilization	79%	90%	102%	112%	119%	128%	135%	142%	144%	149%	156%
Capacity	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042
Totals:											
Students Projected	5,356	5,860	6,499	7,038	7,494	8,081	8,594	9,162	9,428	9,971	10,643
Capacity	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819	6,819
Percent Utilization	79%	86%	95%	103%	110%	119%	126%	134%	138%	146%	156%

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Projected student population exceeds 100% of capacity
Projected student population exceeds 120% of capacity